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A degree of latitude or
longitude on the equator
=
69 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles
or
60 geographical miles

1 metre = 3.28 ft — 1.0936 yds.
1 kilometre = 1093.6 yds — .621 mile.

To convert Centigrade into Fahrenheit — multiply by $\frac{9}{5}$ +
add 32.

0° C. = 32° F.

5° C. = 41° F.

10° C. = 50° F.

15° C. = 59° F.

20° C. = 68° F.

25° C. = 77° F.

30° C. = 86° F.

35° C. = 95° F.

40° C. = 104° F.

Length of Nile — from
Victoria Nyanza to Sennar
= 3526 miles.

From Cairo to Khartoum
= 1750 miles.

From Khartoum to Gondokoro.
= 1081 miles.

Average high Nile { at Khartoum } Sept 6th } Average difference
" low Nile { " " " " } May 13th } 20 ft — 6 ins.

Rainy season at Khartoum is from
middle of June to September.

Mean annual rainfall = 7.09 ins.

Guliel Achmet-Agha.

On opposite ^{-W-}bank - just south of wood station.

Big herd of roan & red fronted gazelle.

South end of island of Had Bekker.

White eared Hob.

Gera/ river.

Waterbuck & topi

On banks opposite mouth - Village with big tree on ridge
about 4 miles up stream, ^{Swamp} & E. along bank about 6 miles

Mr Gray in swamp.
& along bank.

to opposite wood station.

Lake Ho

nothing - too wet & grass too long.

Barbours - between danga & lake ho - on s. bank.

Roan - topi - waterbuck - reedbuck - oribi.

Elephant. / *elephas (dixodon) africanus* /

226 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

(130 - 124 lb.)

Rhinoceros / *rhinoceros (diceros) simus* /

62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. to 26 ins.

Mrs Gray's Waterbuck / *colus maria* /

33 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. to 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

(29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.)

Waterbuck / *colus defassa typicus* /

{ 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.
29 ins. }

36 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Eland. / *taurotragus derbianus gigas* /

41 ins. to 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

1910.

Dec 13th

Grosvenor Hotel.

London.

Left Marmston at 2.3 & reached King's Cross at 6.30. Did a lot of shopping.

Dec 14th

In train.

Left Victoria at 11 & got to Paris about 1.15. Had a roughish crossing over the Channel - saw the remains of the big German sailing ship on the rocks - & got to Paris at 5.45. Motored across to the Gare du Lyon & left at 9.20 - Sunday & I had a Wagon - lit to ourselves.

Dec 15th

S.S. "Ophir" - Orient Line.

Off Marseilles.

Got to Marseilles at 9.30 & went to the Hotel Tour de la Paix. Had a weary wait there as the "Ophir" did not get in till 5 p.m. - she was due to arrive at 2. Drove miles to the docks & had to go off in a tug. The "Ophir" seems a nice boat though somewhat ancient - & every thing seems very well done & comfortable.

Dec 16th

S.S. "Ophir"

Mediterranean.

Run = 215.

Smooth & not too cold. Passed innumerable islands all day long & was generally in sight of Italy.

Kudu. (*Stephaneros capensis kora*)

61 ins. to 49 ins. outside curve.

44½ ins. to 33½ ins. straight.

(40 ins. - 31 ins.)

Oryx (*oryx leina*.)

39 ins. to 34½ ins.

(38 ins.)

~~Ant~~ Oryx (*oryx leucoryx*.)

45 ins. to 39 ins.

Buffalo. (*Bos caffer aequinoctialis*.)

44 ins. to 32 ins. greatest width outside.

Roan. (*hippotragus equinus vakari*.)

37¼ ins. to 31 ins.

(29½ ins.)

Dec 17th

S.S. "Opheir"

Off Naples.

Anchored in the harbour at Naples about 6.30 a.m.
Went ashore & to the Aquarium, which was very interesting
& contained some very weird fishes.
Left Naples at 3.30 p.m. — smooth & cool outside.

Dec 18th

S.S. "Opheir"

Taranto.

fold & smooth. Run = 202.
Was vaccinated by the doctor — a brother of R. A. Stephen
of Tweed, Stephen & Co. Anchored off Taranto about 7.

Dec 19th

S.S. "Opheir"

Mediterranean.

Due to a washout on the railway, the mails did not
get on board till after 9 & we did not leave Taranto
till 10.30. Smooth & cold outside.

Dec 20th

S.S. "Opheir"

Mediterranean.

Calms & quite warm early, but got very cold in the
afternoon. Run = 353.
Passed the S. end of Greece early & went quite close
to Crete in the afternoon.
Dined with Shulep Singh & his wife — Gordon Wilson &
the captain there too.
Ship vibrating tremendously.

Bushbuck. (*Tragelaphus scriptus* Nor.)

$15\frac{1}{8}$ ins. to $11\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Hartebeeste (*Alcelaphus* *tora*.)

$22\frac{1}{2}$ ins. to $19\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

White-eared Kob. (*Kobus leucotis*.)

$23\frac{1}{4}$ ins. to 20 ins.

(20 ins.)

Uganda Kob. (*Kobus kob thomasi*.)

$24\frac{1}{2}$ ins. to $20\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

(20 ins.)

Addax. (*Addax nasomaculatus*.)

$39\frac{1}{8}$ ins. to $31\frac{1}{2}$ ins. on front-curve.
 $34\frac{1}{2}$ ins. to 26 ins. straight line.

Dec 21st.

S. S. "Uphur".

Mediterranean.

Smooth & cool. Run = 273. Saw the lights of Port Said about 11.30 p.m. Had a merry evening with Powell & Mills.

Dec 22nd.

On train.

Medical inspection about 1 a.m. & got to bed at 2 — coaling going on & sleep impossible. Landed about 6.30 & got our things through the customs without much trouble. Left for Cairo by the 8.5 train & got there at 12.30. Dined at Sheppard's & was busy looking for the on board P. & O. steamer leaving Port Said on March 5; "etc, etc." Left Cairo at 6.30 on a comfortable sleeping car train which was very full owing to the Crown Princess of Germany travelling to Luxor on it. Very tired & seedy.

Dec 23rd.

S. S. "Victoria".

On Nile.

Got to Luxor about 8 a.m., walked down to the river & left on a narrow gauge railway at 10. Country cultivated just along the edge of the Nile, but otherwise a sandy desert. The dust was awful & every thing was soon covered inches deep in it. Got to Shellal about 5.30 & after getting our luggage weighed for "water transport" went on board the "Victoria" — a very clean comfortable stern wheeler. Eleven first class passengers on her. Started at 8 — with dark — it's wonderful how they can steer a boat up the Nile at night.

Redra Gayelle. / *gayella dama ruficollis.* /

$15\frac{1}{4}$ ins. to $11\frac{5}{8}$ ins.

Redback. / *corvicapra edumca cottoni.* /

15 ins. to $12\frac{1}{4}$ ins.

(11 ins.)

Wartbeeste. / *Nabalis lewisi.* /

26 ins. to 22 ins.

Dec 24th

S.S. "Victoria"

On Nile.

Shores on each side of Nile very rocky & sandy — in places low stony hills. A few villages & the only cultivation just on the ^{banks of the} banks which are covered when the river is high. A lovely day & not too hot. The steamer makes fair headway against the stream in spite of having a big barge lashed to her starboard quarter.

Dec 25th

In train.

A very cold windy night — as cold as it probably is in England now — but a lovely warm morning.

Reached Wady Malfa about 1 p.m. & got into a very comfortable sleeping car train. We now cut across the big angle formed by the Nile — passing over an absolutely bare desert.

Dec 26th

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

Got to Khartoum about 8.30 a.m. & had a very comfortable bath at the station. Passed through a bushy sandy country & reached Khartoum — over the new bridge — about 5.

Watt met us & said we could start tomorrow as our rifles, etc, had arrived — consequently very busy the rest of the evening buying the things we remembered we had forgotten. Rennie & his wife at the hotel, which is very comfortable — unfortunately a dance going on, so not much sleep.

Red Sea Route.

Khartoum	leave	11. a. m. Tuesday.
Port Sudan	arrive	8.50. a. m. Wednesday.
Port Sudan	leave	12 noon "
Suez docks	arrive	Saturday.
Suez docks	leave	"
Sairo	arrive	"

The Sudan Development Co are charging Lindsay & myself
 £300. per month.
 This sum includes every thing—
 2 nuggars — one fitted up with wooden cabins, bath room, etc.
 Headman — Mahommed Mennad — Assuan — Khartoum.
 Two personal servants.
 Two gunbearers.
 One skinner.
 Fees for two boats.
 Six donkeys & two oxen.
 Beds, bedding, crockery, knives, forks, etc, etc.

We provide nothing except wine & mineral waters.

Dec 27th

S. S. "Faira"

On Lake.

Up early & went to see Hall about the final arrangements for our trip & started in the "Faira" — a small comfortable river steamer — about 9.30 a.m. Sir John Rogers on board, but the others — about a dozen — mostly foreigners. Had a barge alongside & picked up another at Windermere. Went down the Blue Lake to Windermere — an enormous collection of mud huts — & then up the White Lake through a very narrow passage, after which the river becomes more like a lake with very low lying land on each side. Saw a good many geese & ducks — very little cultivation on the banks except close to Wharfedale. Our "muggers" have gone up to North.

Dec 28th

S. S. "Faira"

On Lake.

Stopped at one place during the night. Very hot wind from the E. shore blowing quite strongly. The banks of the river are still very low & in places well cultivated. Immense flocks of sheep at some villages & a lot of geese, ducks & cranes — a few "crows".

Got to Aulam about 3 & ran ashore for the night — we dined with Bunton & McDonald at the mess & had a very cheery evening. We went up to the house in a boat — but the river was too shallow to get near the bank, so we had to be carried ashore by the boatmen.

<u>miles.</u>		By steamer.	dec	
110	Khartoum			27 th
131	Suein	"	"	28 th
153	Kawa	"	"	
175	Fachi dhoya	"	"	
222	For Alla Yuma	"	"	29 th
281	Jebel Ais	By nuggar		
340	Renk	"	Jan	4 th
396	Jebel Ahmed Agha	"	"	7 th
424	Kaka	"	"	12 th
469	Melut	"	"	14 th
530	Kodok	"	"	15 th
560	Taufikia	"	"	16 th
749	Khor Attar	"	"	18 th
854	Willet-el Kuer.	<u>Lake No</u>	"	27 th
904	Shamile			
1047	Kenissa			
1057	Kero			
1073.	Mongalla			
1082.	Lado			
	Gondokoro			

Dec 29thS. S. "Fairo"Hosts:

A hot morning. The banks of the river get more bushy here & patches of papyrus appear & there seems very little cultivation. Landed at the birthplace of the Mahdi but did not land & got to Goy Abu Guma about 4. Stayed a short time & went on to the new railway bridge — to a pontoon of which we tied up — the line runs from Khartoum to Umeid. Our nuggar is here & seems very comfortable as she is fitted up with two big wooden cabins, a bath room, etc, etc.

Dec 30thOn nuggarThe Nile

Up early to see the bridge opened by the alidar — he arrived in a train with about a dozen people, including Dottenkorn, & marched through a long line of natives & made a speech & then walked over the bridge — the movable part of which was swung open & our nuggars went through. Got a breath of wind & we could not make a start till nearly 2 p.m. — then the wind got up & we went along nicely. Apparently very little cultivation on either bank — both of which are very low & edged by small swamps. This a great nuisance till it got dark but, owing to the breeze, we were not much disturbed by mosquitoes though we had to dine & stay in a sort of small tent made of gauze which was not very comfortable.

Another nuggar belonging to a man named Murphy kept us company all day, but sailed away from us when the wind dropped in the evening.

Sudan game licence. 1911.

£50.

x = near White Nile.

x Giraffe	(£20. extra)	1.
Rhinoceros	(except in Kessala & Senaar)	1.
x Mrs Gray's Waterbuck		1.
Eland		1.
Kudu (strepsiceros)		1.
Oryx Beesa		1.
x Elephant		2.
x Buffalo		3.
x Water Buck	(two only N. of Kodok.)	4.
x Roan	" " " "	4.
Bush Buck		4.
dora Hartbeest		4.
Oryx leucoryx		4.
x White-eared Kob		4.
Uganda Kob		6.
Addax		6.
Addra gazelle		6.
x Redbuck	(four only except in Kessala & Senaar.)	12 8.
Jackson's Hartbeest		12.
Klipspringer		1.
x Hippopotamus	(unlimited S. of Kodok.)	4.
Styx		4.
Wild Sheep		2.
x Wart Hog		6.
x Oryx		6.
x Other gazelles & antelope not specified above.		12.
(Ariel, duiker, dig dig, * riki, * red pointed gazelle, * dorcas gazelle.)		

Dec 31st

Am.

On muggar.

s. of Jebel ~~Belkhat~~ ~~Agar~~ — the Nile.

Sailed all night though we had a bad place — owing to rocks — to get through. We bumped our pretty hard but otherwise got on very well — the breeze increasing till about 8 a.m. when it dropped & we had to stop for about an hour. No cultivation to be seen on either bank. Breeze sprang up about 9 a.m. & we got on well till the evening, but it dropped again about 6.30 p.m. & we made very little progress.

Murphy's muggar was just opposite two hills where we wanted to land to get some gazelle, so we left the place to him, but no sooner had we got about a mile beyond him, then he started after us & soon overtook us — he looks like being a nuisance.

Big bunches of sudd keep floating down stream.

We are quite 6 weeks too early for shooting.

1. The grass has not been burnt & in places is very long.
2. There is still water inland & the game has not been compelled to come down to the Nile to drink.
3. The "sudd" on each side of the river is impassable whilst the Nile is high — when the river is lower one can walk to land on it — now one would sink through it into the water.

There is doubtless game all along the Nile banks, but at this time of the year one can very rarely land — owing to the swamps which sometimes extend quite a mile from the banks to open water.

Sudan Game Licence. 1911.

Animals & Birds which may not be killed—

Wild Ass.
Gebra.
Ostrich.
Shoe Bill / *Boleophthalmus* /
Ground Horn Bill / *Bucorvus* /
Secretary Bird / *Seymouria* /

Reserves.

Kordofan Province south of a line connecting Sherkeels, Rahad, Alla Haray, Alla Jabbat, Rahad & El Eddeya.

The Bahr el Ghazal province.

Districts south & west of a line drawn from Hasser on the Sobat to Fading on the Khon Fikus, thence to the mouth of the Geraf river (which no boat may enter.) & thence to the Western end of Lake No.

Sanctuaries.

All the E. & S. bank of White Nile except from Hasser to mouth of the Geraf river & on to W. end of Lake No.

1911.

Jan 1stOn muggar.mile.

The wind was very weak during the night & we made very little progress & had to tie up to the reeds about 7 a.m. as the breeze absolutely dropped.

Sindrey caught some fish — biggest = 3 lbs — on his rod & the men caught some with the casting net. The wind did not get up again till about midday & then it was very light & we made very little headway till about 10 p.m. when she puffed along well. Saw some kippers.

Jan 2ndOn muggar.mile.

The wind dropped about 1 a.m. this morning & we had to tie up to the reeds till 9 a.m. when it blew quite strongly but too much from the E. to suit the boat, which can only really slip along with a following wind. Passed Murphy's muggar but it appeared no about 10.30 a.m. no villages or cultivation to be seen — swamps between reeds & land make landing impossible in most places.

Very few ducks or geese to be seen — in fact very little bird life of any kind.

Wind dropped to a dead calm about 1 o'clock & we stopped at a village on the r. bank to buy a sheep & some eggs. Started to pole up about 5, but made very slow progress owing to the masses of sudd coming down. Stopped fishing at 7 & as the cook boat was a long way behind, had a very late & cold dinner.

Ammunition allowed. 1911.

Ball cartridges	(for trip of 4 months or less.)	400.
Book rifle cartridges.		1000.
Revolver	"	100.
Shotgun	"	1000.

Shooting two gazelle.

Jan 3rd

On nuggar.

mile.

Hardly any wind in the night & we hardly made $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Started poising about 9 a.m. & stopped about 1.

Continued again about 5 & stopped at 7. Tried to sail about 8 but it was no use, so anchored for the night. Very hot.

Jan 4th

On nuggar.

Kenk.

A slight breeze sprang up early & we got to Kenk about 6 a.m. Went ashore after breakfast & got a wire from the Sudan for about a tug to tow us down — £120. from Lake to Khartoum. Went to the Commissioner's — Brown's — house & had a talk. Kenk is a bare desolate looking place — cotton soil — with a big native village — a post office, court, a Commissioner's house. A nicely planted avenue near the river. Poked up a little way & then sailed over to the W. shore. Landed about 3 — had to be carried by the men through the swamp to the land as it was too shallow for the boat. Walked S. through thickish bush over dried up cotton soil & after crossing another swamp, got into rather open country with patches of bushes dotted about in places. The shikaris walked in front — much too fast — & put up two gazelle which bolted. I shot a bushard with his little rifle. Eventually we saw a solitary gazelle & I got within 200 yds of it — but it bolted before I pulled. Got up to it again & missed a long shot at it facing me. Saw some more & had a go at them half hidden by long grass & missed again!! I did ditto. My altered 350 seems to shoot very high. Intensely hot & I got a bad head.

Killed one topi⁹ & hit another. (not got.)

The ground is baked as hard as a brick & as it is much
poached & trodden by game & cattle in the wet season,
it is awful walking — nothing but holes & hard lumps.

Killed two gazelle.⁸⁹

Jan 5th

On muggar.

Mad-da-Kona-Hile.

Made several attempts to sail during the night - but the wind dropped each time. It rose again about 9 a.m. & we got on well & stopped at an island - Mad da Kona - about 2 but found it nearly covered by water, so moved on about 3 miles & cut a passage through the rushes.

Went ashore about 4 & went S. parallel to the river through long dry grass. Saw a small herd of topi (testal) but something disturbed them & they galloped across my front - about 100 yds away. Hit the first twice & it dropped - unluckily a female & a poor head. Went after them again & as they stopped, got an awkward shot through grass. Hit on the shoulder - just too low - & though we followed it for a long time, it eventually crossed a deep pool & we had to leave it. I got two gazelle.

Jan 6th

On muggar.

Mad-da-Kona - On Hile.

Up at 5, 30 a.m. but could not land for some time. Went N. & for a long time saw nothing but topi with poor heads. Saw a few gazelle but they were too wild to get near. Eventually got within 250 yds of one & dropped him first shot. Went back towards the muggars & saw another half hidden in long grass. Charged him three times but he only moved slowly away & I luckily got him with the fourth shot quite 350 yds away. The pointed .350 bullet made a tremendous hole at its exit. Country bushy round a big grassy - dry - plain & very hard ground to walk on. I got a waterbuck. Started to sail about 2 p.m. but the wind was very light. The "Gordon Pasha" passed us about 5, 30 - going N.

Killed one waterbuck — ^b $32\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

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Jan 7.

On nuggar.

N. of Jebel Akmet - Aga
~~Jebel Akmet - Aga~~

The wind increased till about 4 a.m. When we had to anchor & we did not get to our shooting place till 8 a.m. landed & when N. through a dried up bushy country with a big river about a mile away from the river & running parallel to it. Saw several water ducks - they generally saw us first - but eventually three ducks walked past us about 100 yds away & I dropped the first with one shot. A good head of $32\frac{3}{4}$ ins. He was hit very near the heart - shot standing up - & only went a few yards before he dropped. He seems to be landing on one long island. Off at 5, 30 & anchored at 10, 30 p.m. opposite a low hill.

Jan 8th

On nuggar.

S. of Jebel Akmet - Aga - hills.

We were sometimes finding a way to the shore through the sand & did not land till 7 a.m. Went N. more or less parallel to the river, through a very dried up country with occasional patches of memora bush & long grass. Saw some gazelle & a solitary topi, which I tried to stalk, but he was very shy & offered it just as I was going to shoot. Saw some water ducks on the way back but nothing seemed good enough to shoot. Back about 12 - very tired. I saw nothing so we sailed at 12, 30 with a very good wind but got stuck on the lee shore about 3 & it took a long time to get the boat going again. Anchored off the W. bank about 6.

Killed one toan.
Missed one gayelle. (standing up shot.)

Jan 9thOn nigger.S. of Jebel Achmet-Agha — Pale.

Off post at sunrise & went first inland & then N. over a very dried up country with patches of murena bushes scattered about — otherwise, except for the long grass which is very coarse & high, fairly open. Saw nothing except two gazelle — one of which I shot at — standing up — & missed at about 120 yds. As usual I was over it — one has to aim very low with this new pointed bullet of Rigby's. I went S. & got a roan — 27 in — out of a big herd.

After tea I went S. parallel to the river & then turned inland & in about an hour's time saw some roan in an open country studded by single trees. They were very wild &

it was quite hopeless trying to get near them but on the way home I saw two bucks separated from the rest of the big herd. One seemed to have a fair head but I think I lost at the last moment — & unseen by me they must have changed places — anyhow I hit one — about 200 yds away — too low down. He

moved slowly away & I kept hitting & scratching him about the legs & thighs till at last he dropped. A very poor head. On the way home when it was quite dark he — presumably — roan walked towards us & I had three shots at him.

But as it was quite impossible to see him at the sights of the rifle, I failed to hit him. Back at 5.30 very hot & tired. These skippers have no idea of the size of a head & are quite satisfied as long as something is killed — my man was quite surprised when I was annoyed at slaying such a poor head. We are moved in a back water about 300 yds from the main river.

Killed one White-eared Nod^d - 20 ins.

Jan 10th

On nuggar.

Red Backer - Hile.

Off with d. at 5 a.m. & went first to where I left the roan I killed last night. Close to it we saw the big herd of roan but unluckily they got our wind & fled it. We got up to them again & had a long & very trying chase over terribly hard rough ground. However they bolted for some reason & though we got fairly close to some of them again, we could not see a head worth shooting so left them. I shot two pig^s coming back to the nuggars. Started to haul out into the main stream against a strong wind at 12.30, but it took us nearly 2 hrs to get out. Anchored at 4.30 at an island.

Jan 11th

On nuggar.

Haka - Hile.

Off at 5.30^{a.m.} & went N. across a plain of dried up grass in which we saw several white eared Rob but none seemed worth shooting. Eventually I saw one & had an awkward shot - standing up - at him as he walked along - I hit him & he turned out to be quite a good head - 20 ins. He went on into a more bushy country & I saw what he thought was a very good head, but he missed it & soon after got another of 18 ins. Met two sailors on the way back who said they were with Kitchener, who was shooting Buffalo on the E. bank - reverse. We heard a great fusillade going on. Started with a good breeze at 11.30 & sailed till 11 p.m. when we anchored off Haka - a collection of small villages.

Jan 12th

On nuggar.

hile. (Haka.)

Started at 6, 30 a.m. & went N. past several villages in an open plain — then turned W. through a bushy country in which we progressed for several hours without seeing anything except a few gazelles — one of which I shot — & one roan? Eventually got back to the nuggar at 2. Used the donkeys for the first time. Pitchers' steamboat overtook us about 3. Dropped again at 4, 30 near the usual village.

Jan 13th

On nuggar.

hile.

Off at 5, 30 a.m. & went due W. inland till 8 o'clock when we turned back & got to the nuggars at 11. Went through a bushy country — hunted by some Shilluk who brought a 34 ins. roan head into camp last night — with high thick grass in places. Saw a few fresh tracks of roan & some gazelle but nothing else — No doubt there is water inland & the game has not come down to the river yet. Sailed about midday with a good breeze. I. is keen about the old pace of getting up early & walking in the dark, though in all my experience I have never done any good yet by so doing & all my good heads have been got late in the day & nearly every lion. There is a lot of gum on some of the trees inland & a few hark berries which the natives eat but which to me are very unpalatable. The wind dropped into an absolute calm about 3 & we had to tie up to the bushes. Terribly hot.

Jan 14thOn nuggar.Off Melut.

calm continued all night - & at 6 a.m. women started to pole but about 8 a slight breeze sprang up. Very dull cloudy morning & looks like rain.

About 10 the river made a bend & we got blown on to a lee shore & had to stay there till about 3, when by dint of poling, we got on a bit. About 5 a breeze sprang up the right way & we got to Melut about 9. But as there were no letters for us we went on again & soon turned almost due S. again & with a good wind, got on well.

Jan 15thOn nuggar.Port Kodok

Sailed well all night but at 6 a.m. had to stop for the other nuggar to catch us up - she is a much slower boat. Blowing quite hard from the N. & we made good progress & got to Kodok about 10 a.m. Nothing much to see there - a few brick houses & a large collection of native huts & about 6 Krapp field guns. Some ruined brick houses on the other side of the river. Sailed at 11 a.m. & went well till about 9. When the wind dropped & we only creaked along.

The sudd in places vanished & we went close to the land which, as usual, is very low - it seems thickly inhabited & we passed many villages.

Saw more ducks today than we have for a long time - we have practically seen none since we left Porti & very few other birds.

Jan 16th

On nigger.

Port Jaufikia.

Got to Jaufikia about 7 a.m. — a small collection of brick houses & mud huts on what is practically an island. Little a Boraboyou — two soldiers — came to see us & another man & talked about game. Delayed a long time mending the gear of the other nigger which had got sprung. Went ashore & bought some cigarettes at a store in the bay aer. Lunched at the mess & started at 3 & passed the mouth of the Sobat-river at 5. The river then makes a sharp bend to the W. Wind dropped about 7. & we had to anchor.

Jan 17th

On nigger.

W. of Jaufikia — On pile.

The wind sprung up in the night & we got on well, but unfortunately went up a ~~stream~~ ^{stream} where we had to haul across the ~~river~~ ^{stream} & make our way down again. But the wind became so strong that we could make no headway & had to put an anchor down. However the two boats — tied together — dragged that & we had to put another down. The two hardly held us. Looks as if it would take a tug all its time to pull us down against the wind if it continues as strong as this. Started to pole & haul down — nearly due W. — about 4, but it was desperately slow work even when the wind dropped & we made very little progress & finally stopped at 7. When we had got back to the main channel of the river.

Killed one oribi.⁶
Missed one oribi.

Killed one topi⁶ & hit another. (not got.)

Jan 18th

On nigger

Hale.

Wind rose about 4 a.m. & we got on all right till about 8 when we were blown on to a lee shore. Tried poling & hauling but hardly made any progress as the wind was very strong & jammed us on to the rocks. The river since passing the mouth of the Sobat has turned almost due W. & the wind continues N. Eventually we hauled both niggers across the river & then sailed on all right till we got to a village on S. bank where we tied up. I & I went W. over a big plain with a fringe of trees along the river bank. Saw nothing except two oribi which I had a shot at but hardly see them owing to the long grass which is just like straw. Missed but on going a little way on, one jumped up & ran away. I had a go & missed & I got him by an awful fluke. Horns only 4 ins. Sailed again at 5.30 but the wind soon dropped.

Jan 19thOn ~~the~~ nigger.

Jaba Inajid

Wind rose early & we tied up at a wood station about 6.30 a.m. I & I went inland due N. over a plain & eventually saw two herds of topi — I had a go & got one — 19½ ins — & I had a shot at one out of the same lot immediately afterwards & hit but though we hunted it right back to the river bank we could not get near it & eventually lost it. Saw another small lot & ran after them & I was so blown that I had six shots at one before I hit it — a poor head of 17½ ins. A hard morning & very footsore. The S. A. & I's 10's steamer arrived & brought us letters & some claret. Bonnie & his wife on board.

Missed one waterbuck. ^{xxx} (d. found traces of blood in the place
where I shot the day after - 21st.)

Killed one waterbuck.⁶
Missed one waterbuck & one topi. (standing up shots.)

Jan 20th

On nuggar.

Bahr el Jebel — Nile.

Off at 5.30 a.m. & went first due S. across the plain but could see nothing except two oribi. Then turned towards the river & into the bush alongside of it, which in places is very thick, though only a narrow belt. I saw quite a good waterbuck. We made a mess of him altogether as my stalker did not see him when he was close to us & went on when I stopped. Later on saw a smaller one which I missed most disgracefully at about 80 yds — over him — these new bullets go very high at close range. I got a topi & an oribi with one horn. Staid to the Jeraf river.

Jan 21st

On nuggar.

Opposite Jeraf river — Nile.

Off at 6 a.m. & followed the Jeraf river for some time over an open plain with bush at the S.W. end & in places where dry grass quite 10 ft high. Eventually saw two waterbuck & got fairly near them — I had a shot through waving grass & missed at about 200 yds — found the 400 yd sight had been knocked up!!! Pursued them & had another shot at a buck almost hidden in long grass & missed again — had to shoot standing up. Same up to two bucks again — probably the same — I got one at about 100 yds — a moderate head of 28 ins. Went on & saw a solitary topi & after a long stalk through very long grass, got fairly close to him. Tried to shoot standing up with my rifle resting on the shikari's shoulder. But he was very shaky & the right barrel refused to go off!!! Pulled several times by which time the shikari was shaking like a leaf & I of course missed. I got a bad & a moderate waterbuck. Staid about 2. & anchored at 3.30 on the N. bank opposite a village near a big tree.

Jan 22nd

On nigger.

W. of Janga river — mile.

Off at 5, 30. a.m. & went through about 50 yds of the swamp in the small boat & then had to be carried by the men to shore — thousands of mosquitoes biting me all the time. Went E. along a sluggish stream & then went N. & round it. Saw a few Mrs Gray but none worth shooting for a long time. But after going into the swamp, which was intersected by ditches about 3 ft deep. We saw two useful bucks & a ♂ who had won the toss — had an easy stalk & got one — a fair head of $27\frac{3}{4}$ ins. in the long grass. Walked round the swamp afterwards but saw nothing worth getting — there was one other decent buck with the one I shot but he vanished.

Jan 23rd

On nigger.

W. of Janga — mile.

Off about 5, 45 a.m. & had the usual trouble getting ashore — had to be carried nearly 200 yds which isn't much fun in the dark. Went further E. than we did yesterday & then crossed over the swamp — in places the water up to ones' middle. Saw three small Mrs Gray Bucks & at the E. end of the swamp. What looked like a fairish one, but after looking at him for a long time let him go. Saw nothing else except some does, so went back to the nigger about 10 & sailed soon after with a strong wind but too much on the beam. The reeds are very long at the E. end of the swamp. Sailed about 10. & got to Janga at 12 — Bimbashi Bailey came on board. Posted some letters & started again at 2 with a wind which got very light about 5. Stopped about 8.

One oribi killed.⁶
 Two topi hit—^{*}one killed by d.⁹ & one not got.

^{*} = $20\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

One roan killed— $29\frac{1}{2}$ ins.⁶

Jan 24th

On nuggar.

Barbours — Nile.

Could not see till it got light if we were at the place we wanted to be, so had to wait till it was light enough to see. Found it was the right place & landed about 5.45. I went W. inland over a plain into some scrub where we saw some topi & waterbucks. Had a go at what seemed the best of the former & hit him second shot. He almost fell but recovered & went off. Followed the herd & had two shots at what I thought was the wounded one & am afraid hit him. But he went into some very long grass & we lost him. It turned out afterwards that the wounded topi went back & fed the men out with us. Went on over a scrubby country full of old tracks of elephants & saw three roan, twenty six giraffe, some waterbucks, a reedbuck, & topi but did not shoot again. I got a reedbuck & an oribi. I saw some buffalo tracks not very old. Went out after tea to look for the wounded topi but I saw her & settled her — 20½ ins? That an oribi.

Jan 25th

On nuggar.

W. of Barbours — Nile.

at 5.45 a.m. — very dark — & went N.E. & then E. to a big ~~thicket~~ ^{swamp} — coasted along that & eventually saw some roan & ~~topi~~ ^{waterbucks}. One of the former seemed a fairish head but it took me a long time to get near it — eventually I got within about 250 yds & had to shoot from my shikaris' shoulder. However I broke both its fore legs high up & went up & settled it. A nice head of 29 ins. I got a waterbuck of 30 ins. Sailed at 11.30. But had to stop about 8. Papyrus begins to show in the swamps now.

Jan 26.

On nuggar.

E. of Lake Ho. — Nile.

No wind in the night - so could not sail till nearly 10 a.m. The wind was always on the beam & we did not do much good & about 2 the other nuggar got hung up & we had to wait a long time for it - its sail split! The sudd now is very thick on each side of the river - a mass of papyrus matted together with *Convolvulus* & other creepers - & the channel much narrower. Quite a dull cloudy afternoon & very hot. Saw a few ducks which looked like pintail. Wind dropped about 8 & it became very hot & the mosquitoes came out in thousands. Steamer passed at 7.

Jan 27.

On nuggar.

Lake Ho. — Nile.

A breeze sprang up about 6 a.m. & we sailed slowly till about 9, when it got stronger. The papyrus becomes much higher here. Quite a thick mist early in the morning & very cloudy - sun did not get out till nearly 10 o'clock. Arrived at the entrance to Lake Ho about 11.30 & tied up on the N. bank. It looks a big sheet of open water & the country all round is absolutely flat & looks covered with very long grass. Landing is easy as there is no sudd just here by the bank. Went out W. after tea over a most horrible country - long grass & ground broadened into holes by hippopotamuses in the wet season & now quite hard & bogs with water up to one's middle & innumerable mosquitoes. An immense papyrus stretches away to the N. but we only saw two true grey (?) kinds. Turned quite chilly at night.

Jan 28.

On nuggar.

E. of Lake Ho — On Nile.

A dark very cold morning & did not get off till 6 a.m.
 Went N. over a beastly country — long grass which hid the
 holes made by the hippos & into which one continually fell.
 After going about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile inland, we got into water & waded
 through it — it was generally up to one's knees & occasionally
 higher — for about two miles & then turned E. But soon got
 stopped by deep water & had to return to the nuggar.
 Saw three kinds & two calves but no signs of a buck —
 Mosquitoes very bad at times. This seems a hopeless place
 as if there were bucks here, it would be almost impossible
 to stalk them owing to the noise one makes splashing
 through the water. Quite a thick mist again today &
 one could not fly very far. Started down stream at 12.30
 & got on very well as there was no wind to speak of.
 Our course however was not very straight, as first the bow &
 then the stern — we had no sail set — kept catching in
 the reeds & we moved in a succession of circles which
 made one feel quite dizzy at times. However we always
 floated off whenever we hit the reeds without falling &
 made good progress.
 It turned very cold at sundown — in fact owing to the very
 curious mist, the sun never really shone all today & it
 was always quite chilly — I sat in a coat for the first
 time all this morning & my cabin — instead of being
 stiflingly hot — was really quite comfortable.
 The mosquitoes at Lake Ho are a yellowish colour & not so
 big as the black ones lower down the river.
 Up to three days ago, I have been taking 5 grains of
 quinine every night, but I fancy it makes me very
 jumpy & rather deaf, so I shall try the same dose every other
 night.

One white-eared Bob^o killed — 19 ins.
 " " " " hit; but not got.
 One redback (galloping) missed.

Jan 29thOn muggar.Between Lake No. 1 & Balouge — Nile.

The wind stopped us a good deal during the night & blew strongly about 8, 30 a.m. & we made scarcely any progress at all — just going round in circles — & tied up at 9, 30. started again about 12 — the "dord fromer" passed us in the sort of lake there is here — & about 4 o'clock a white-eared kobb about a mile from the bank on the S. side not far from some villages & big herds of cattle in an open plain. d. landed & missed it — two long shots with his telescopic sight. started drifting again about 6 p.m.

Jan 30thOn muggar.Balouge — Nile.

did up at midnight & as it was a pitch dark night, the men very naturally did not hit off Balouge as there are no landmarks of any sort. so suit d. we were called at 4, 45 a.m. & got up for nothing. d. very indignant with the men's "stupidity"!!! drifted down & just ~~offshore~~ about the post-marked 30 we saw two elephants in some bush & not far beyond them a lion — it was impossible to land — they were on the N. bank — owing to a very big swamp. The elephants looked to have small tusks. Wind got up about 8 a.m. & we had to tie up, but got to Balouge about 2. Went w. after tea & stalked a white-eared kobb & hit him first shot but missed a galloping reed buck immediately after. Pursued the wounded buck & had two shots at him — standing up & very pumped — & missed him. He went into a swamp & I had to leave him. coming back missed a kobb twice but got him third shot — broke both his fore legs just below the body at 250 yds. Horns = 19 ins.

Two redheads killed.
One " missed. (standing up shot.)

Jan 31stOn nuggar.Balouge-hile.

A dull dark morning & not off till 6 a.m. Went W. over the plain & soon saw some reedbucks. Got fairly close to one but had to shoot standing up & the light being very bad too, I missed him both barrels. Pursued him for some time but he eventually went clean away & we saw him no more. Went more into the plain but the reedbucks were very wild & hard to get near—eventually I had a go at one from the skiffaris' shoulder & broke his fore leg very high up—it was smashed to pieces. Coming home saw another & got close to him—shot from the skiffaris' shoulder again & hit him just below the eye—his jaw being smashed to bits. Both heads about 11 ins, which is bad for the Sudan. Sailed or rather drifted at 1—no wind. Got mail from steamer about 6 p.m. No letters. Very hot.

Feb 1stOn nuggar.E. of Tonga—On hile.

Got to Tonga about 4 a.m. & tied up. Mehemef went ashore but could get no information about "Mrs Gray" or Tonga island—the natives not seeming to recognise their names at all. Settled to go on to the place where Sindray got his & as the wind, which had been blowing very strongly all the morning, dropped a little about 2. We started to drift down again & made fair progress as it soon became quite calm. A row of villages all along the N. bank after passing Tonga till it got dark. Tudd miles wide the other side.

1 Mrs Grey^o hit. Not not got.
1 " " ⁹ killed.

Feb 2ndOn muggar.Opposite Grafz. — Nile.

Tied up about 2 a.m. & as soon as it was light drifted down & eventually found a fair landing place about one mile above where we landed when d. got his Mrs Gray. Got off in consequence till 6.15 a.m. & went E. beyond the patch of papyrus in the swamp & soon afterwards spied several Bucks — one very black & seeming to have a good head — & does on the far side. Started to stalk the best one but on the way to it across the swamp, we ~~followed~~^{put} up some Bucks & does & they ran on to the good side lot & they all galloped off to the E. end of the swamp & vanished. We then saw the good Buck again & d. — rather impulsively & hurriedly — incited the natives with us to attempt a "drive", which naturally failed. The good Buck must have very soon doubled back into the middle of the swamp, for we spied him again on the S. side & some distance from the swamp. Pursued it & found them between the swamp & the river in quite open & bare ground — made a hurried crawl & a run towards them, but apparently they got my wind & trotted back towards the swamp & I had a very awkward shot through not more than 100 yds away — standing up. Hit him first shot — apparently high up in the fore leg, but the bullet unfortunately went on & broke a doe's hind quarter — the natives killed her. Followed on ^{in dry grass} the Bucks' blood trail but eventually had to quit him up. did not get back till after 1. & no sooner had we finished lunch, than my shikari came in — he had gone back to get his sandals — & said he had some of the Bucks very sick & had almost speared him!!! We rushed out again but after two hours wading in water, could find nothing but a few blood spots, so left it till tomorrow.

One Mrs Gray^b killed - $29\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Feb 3rd.On muggar.Opposite Jeraf. r. — Nile.

Off about 6 a.m. & went E. along the lake — I stayed at the papyrus & d. Went with the men to the E. end & drove it towards the villages. Saw several bucks & at last got a view of one lying down — he signalled to me & I had a most awful scramble through high reeds & water up to ones' waist — only about 350 yds but I was dead beat when I got through. The buck moved as soon as I came up & went away very much as if he had been wounded but he somehow slipped us on the W. end of the swamp & we never saw him again, so back to the muggars about 11.

Feb 4th.On muggar.(Jeraf. r.) — Nile.

Off at 5.50 a.m. & walked hard along the edge of the swamp — due E — for 3 hrs. The swamp gets very narrow eventually & we only saw a few kinds before we turned back, then the natives spread out & lit the long grass in places & suddenly we saw over 100 "Mrs. Gray" — mostly kinds. They stood in the open plain — long grass — between the river & the big village & we had a long look at them about 500 yds away. Nothing looked very good but some of the bucks looked very black. We walked towards the river to get down wind of them & then had a long crawl & got within 150 yds of them. I picked out the blackest buck — I don't think the best — but dare not stand up & fired several places to shoot from the shoulder of my shikari — both sitting down. It was blowing very hard & I couldn't get above the wavy grass but eventually had to charge it through the grass & missed both barrels!!!

Feb 4.th / (continued.)

stood up & had another go & was certain I hit him but my shikari said not. Followed them for some time & a native near the big village turned them back & we left them looking very sick but my shikari still would not have it - that he was hit & would take no trouble to track him. Luckily our natives were following up behind & suddenly came upon him & ran him down before we could get to them. Haunched. A nice head of $29\frac{1}{2}$ ins. but one horn unluckily very badly broken. Back at 1. Probably some very good bucks in the herd if we had had more time to pick one out. Started drifting about 3. & stopped at the mouth of the Jeraf river about 5 p.m. A lucky day.

Feb 5.th

On muggar.

E. of Jeraf river — Nile.

Did not get up till late. L. went off S.W. but had no luck — only getting an oribi. He hit a gazelle & missed a curious kind of reedbuck. A very strong wind all the morning & quite cool — unfortunately it is always hottest here in the afternoon & evenings. The Government steamer went down early this morning. The mouth of the Jeraf river is just opposite the E. end of the swamp. There we first saw the grey & where L. got his. Started drifting about 5 p.m. but made very little progress at first, as the wind blew quite strongly till after sunset.

1 crocodile killed.

Feb 6.th

On nuggar.

Between Jeraf & ~~dauphina~~ the Sobat-river

The wind dropped altogether in the night & we drifted well till about 7, 30. a. m. when it began to blow very hard & we had to stop — no chance of landing. It looks hopeless now trying to drift down from here to Gellil Achmet-Agha — it is nearly 200 miles from dauphina — & as we don't want to go back towards Lake No, the only thing to do seems to try the Sobat, but we were told Murphy had done no good there recently. Wrote several letters. Off about 6, 30. p. m.

Feb 7.th

On nuggar.

East of the Sobat-river

Drifted very slowly till 7, 30. a. m. when the wind got up & blew us ashore. landed about 9, 45 a. went W. & then had to cross a deepish swamp to get to some villages on a ridge. Passed them & got into a very dry bushy country with patches of mimosa in places & occasional small plains. Got 4 quinea fowl & a quail & a d. got 2 quinea fowl & a small oibi. started drifting about 3 p. m. — the wind dropped & it turned very hot & sided. About 5 Mallit saw a small crocodile on the bank — I got a d's rifle & hit him three times but he slithered into the river. However Mallit with great presence of mind had taken the casting net into the felucca & got him first cast — only a small one. Offered a reward of 5 piastres to anyone who saw a crocodile. Saw a big lot of whistling teal opposite the mouth of the Sobat — which we passed at 5 — & a d. took my gun & got one & some bronze-winged geese.

Feb 8.th

On muggar - towed by "Amka".

Kodok.

Drifted down to Laupikia about 2 a.m. & tied up. Went ashore about 9, 30 a.m. & saw Bralayu in the orderly room - told him where we had arrived last night & took over the station. Bralayu took us to see the engineer of a steamer here, who said Kitchener's boat - the "Amka" - was due here today & might give us a tow to ~~about~~ Jebel Ahmed Agba. We got in about 10 a.m. & we saw the engineer, who eventually said he would tow us for under £10-0-0 - the exact sum was not settled. Hung on to the steamer about 12, 30. Went to Hall about our new arrangements. Started at 1, 30 pushing a big barge in front & with our two muggars one on each side. Anderson Bay on board the steamer - went on board & saw Kitchener's heads - nothing very good except a Mrs Gray. Got to Kodok about 9, 45 p.m. & left at 10, 30. Saw a good many "crows" today, but none big.

Feb 9.th

On muggar - towed by "Amka" to -

Mad Beker.

A very strong wind got up about 8 a.m. & made quite a sea - rather uncomfortable as the muggar is always bumping against the steamer. Were towed till about 3 p.m. when we appeared to reach our destination a good deal sooner than was expected & had to cast off in a great hurry. Had to sign a paper saying how far we were towed & the result ^{was} we were not cast off before we had gone some distance below the other muggar & had to sail back. Very hot at night.

Feb 10.

On muggar.

Wad Bekker.

Off about 6 a.m. & went N. starting the ~~day~~ plain on the island - saw a big herd of white-eared kobs with one buck but did not think him worth shooting. Further on saw another herd with two bucks - one of which looked a nice one. I let d. shoot & he missed it - the first two shots & luckily got it galloping the third - quite a good head of 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. but it will doubtless shrink - my 21 ins. one - shot on Jan 11th - has shrunk exactly 1 inch. Went on as far as we could down the island but saw nothing more worth shooting so turned back. Started to drift about 4 p.m. but the wind was strong & we made very little progress & had to stop about 8.

Feb 11.

On muggar.

N. and Wad Bekker

Wind blew hard all the night & increased to almost a gale early in the morning - we are only about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the camp place but it is quite impossible to get there till the wind drops. Some Shilluks came on board & asked us to shoot a hippo, which lives in the backwater where we land at the camp place, as it goes for their canoes. Quite a sea on in the river & it will be a hard job towing us down if this wind continues as strong as it is now. Wind increased all the evening & we had great difficulty in keeping the mosquito net down on the deck!

Game killed on the White Hill.
1911.

1	Mrs Gray's Waterbuck	29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	one horn broken.
2	Waterbuck (defassa)	32 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.	(but head.)
2	Roan	29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	" "
3	Tring	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	" "
2	White-eared Hob.	20 ins.	" "
2	Reedbuck	11 ins.	" "
2	Urial		
2	Red-fronted Gazelle	10 ins.	" "
1	Procodile		

Sent to Rowland Ward

1	Mrs Gray.
1	Waterbuck.
1	Roan.
1	Tring.
2	White-eared Hob.
1	Reedbuck.
	Urial.
	Red-fronted Gazelle.

Feb 12th.

Our nigger.

Had Becker.

As the wind did not drop at all in the night, we sailed up to the S. end of Had Becker early in the morning & L. & I landed - I feeling very seedy - about 6 a.m. Went the usual route & saw the usual Kob - the bucks in the first herd looked better than usual, so I talked him & had a longish shot at him almost hidden in the long grass & holding my rifle against a tree with my head in a prickly branch. Missed both barrels. Went on to the end of the island but saw nothing worth shooting till just at the S. corner when we spied a buck & some does which soon lay down. I did not think the buck worth shooting, but L. & my shikari did, so I had a go - standing up at about 150 yds - & knocked a big piece of flesh off him somewhere which we picked up. But try as we would, we never found him - no blood tracks at all. A very annoying day - alone I should have shot at nothing. Have got a nasty chill & took 20 grs of quinine & two pills tonight - the wind is really very cold now & the servants are miserable in consequence.

Feb 13th.

Our nigger

S. of Jhelal Achmet. Agla.

Wind blew all night - so had to stay here. did not get up till nearly 10. & feel rather better but have a bad head, throat, chest, etc. L. went out nearly more S. than we have been before & saw a fair lot of Kob - one of which he missed - he got two bustard & some quinn's Grouse - close to the big swamp between this island & what we think is the mainland. Started to drift about 5 & got to the roo place about midnight.

<u>Left London.</u>				<u>Dec 14th 1910.</u>	
Arr Marseilles.				" 15 th	
Left "				" 15 th	S.S. "Opheir"
Arr Naples.				" 17 th	" " "
Left "				" 17 th	" " "
Arr Taranto.				" 18 th	" " "
Left "				" 19 th	" " "
Arr Port Said.				" 21 st	" " "
Left " "				" 22 nd	" " "
Arr Suez.	30	3	O.N.	" 22 nd	" " "
Left "				" 22 nd	" " "
Arr Khartoum.	15	36	O.N.	" 26 th	" " "
Left "				" 27 th	Steamer. (1st)
Arr Kosti.	(176 miles)			" 29 th	Steamer.
Left "	from Khartoum.			" 30 th	<u>Kuggar.</u>
Arr Kenk.	(281 "			<u>Jan 4th 1911.</u>	"
Arr Jebel Ahmed Agha.	(340 "			" 7 th	"
Arr Kaka.	(390 "			" 12 th	"
Arr Melut.	(424 "			" 14 th	"
Arr Kodok.	(469 "			" 15 th	"
Arr Taufikia.	(530 "			" 16 th	"
Arr Bahr-el-Jeraf.				" 20 th	"
Arr Jonga.	(575 "			" 23 rd	"
Arr Lake No.	(615 "			" 27 th	"
Left Lake No.				" 28 th	"
Arr Bahr-el-Jeraf.				" Feb 4 th	"
Arr Taufikia.				" 8 th	"
Arr Kodok.				" "	towed by steamer
Arr Melut.	Had Bekker.			" 9 th	" " "
Arr Jebel Ahmed Agha.				" 16 th	" " "Pahar"
Arr Kenk.				" 18 th	" " "
Arr Jebelau.				" 19 th	" " "

Feb 14th

On muggar.

3. of Gebel Ahmet-Agha.

Stayed in bed till 10. a.m. — feel a little better but still very seedy. L. went out & saw a lot of roan but did not think any worth shooting — some were close to the boat & as he started before it was light, he could not see what they were!!! He went out after tea & had a "battle" with a gayelle, which defeated him. He had a shot in the dark after dinner at a puppe but was very short.

Feb 15th

On muggar.

3. of Gebel Ahmet-Agha.

Up late & still feel very seedy though my throat is better. L. went out early & saw a good roan but did not get a shot though later he got a gayelle. Our tug — the "Rahad" — arrived about 1 & the engineer lunched with us. He brought some papers for us. We propose to leave here tomorrow.

Feb 16th

On muggar — towed by "Rahad"

Between Benk & G. A. Agha

L. landed early & went intend to try & get a roan — we left about 8. a.m. & were towed down to the wood station — it took us about 45 mins — & took in wood. L. got in about 12 — very much annoyed because he had shot a roan & it turned out to be only 22 ins!!! I can't get rid of the beastly chill & throat & don't feel much better today. Started steaming about 1.30 but at first there was a very strong wind against us, but it dropped at sunset. Paid Gebel Ahmet Agha about 3 p.m. & tied up at Wad de Kona about 10 p.m.

Arr Kosli	Feb 20 th	on muggar towed by "Nah"
Arr Suva	" 20 th	" " " " "
Arr Khartoum	" 21 st	" " " " "
Left Khartoum	" 28 th	on train
Arr Port Sudan	March 1 st	" " " " "
Arr Suva	" 4 th	on S.S. "El Hakira"
Arr Cairo	" 4 th	by train
Left Cairo	" 6 th	" " " " "
Left Port Said	" 6 th	on S.S. "Arabia"
Arr Marseilles	" 11 th	" " " " "
Arr London	" 12 th	" " " " "

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Feb 17.

Um nuggar — towed. Wad da Kona.
Feel a little better today but not up till late. I went N.
I got two tiang — one = 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Quite cloudy today but
very hot indeed & very little wind.
Very few mosquitoes here — in fact we have seen very few since
we left the Jeraf river. The river has made most of the
swamps along the shore dry now & that is probably the
reason.

Feb 18.

Um nuggar — towed. S. of Jellfair.
Did not get up till late & feel a good deal better — was
able to smoke a whole pipe which I haven't been able to do
since the 12. I went ashore early & saw a good waterbuck
with which he had a great "battle" — firing innumerable
shots at it & eventually hitting it in the mouth.
However it got away in the end — he also saw a leopard
& a white-eared kob. started off at 11.30 a.m. but
had a very strong wind against us, which made us
knock about a lot & our progress was very slow. Passed
Bunk at 3.2 a.m. but did not land. Stopped to take in
wood at 4.30 p.m. & started again at 8.
The river seems very much lower now than when we
came up & most of the swamps on the banks look to
be dry. There are grass fires in every direction & the air
is full of burnt particles, which make everything very
dirty. Very cold at night.

On nuggar - 1910-11.

December 1910.

Sailed 2 days — from Kosti.

January 1911.

Sailed on 8 days.
 Sailed & shot on 20 "
 Shot only on 3 "
 (sailed 440 miles.)

February 1911.

Sailed on 7 " towed 5 of them
 Sailed & shot on 9 "
 Shot only on 5 "

Total.

Sailed on 15 days.
 Sailed & shot on 29 "
 Shot only on 8 "

Feb 19th

On muggar—towed. N. J. Gebelair.
 It blew hard in the night & the waves, hitting the bows of
 the two muggars bed each side of the tug. Went into the
 hold of the latter & at one time nearly filled her in spite of
 her pumps. Had to tie up at 11.30 p.m. to pump her clear—
 consequently did not get to Gebelair till nearly 7^{am}. When
 I & I landed & went inland to the three hills! Saw nothing
 for some time but eventually came across a small herd of
 red fronted gazelle in an open plain. I got within about 200
 yds of the bucks, but he began to move just as I was
 going to shoot—so I changed sitting down—and I missed him—
 I was very shaky too. Made a big circle N. but saw
 nothing else except females. I got a small gazelle.
 Started at 12.15 against a very strong wind, which however
 moderated about 6 p.m. Very many wild duck at sunset.
 I hit a crowdie but as usual it splattered into the water.
 Tied up at Abosieh at 8 to Wood—much noise. & had to
 stay all night as the bridge at Kosti is only open in the day.

Feb 20th

On muggar—towed. Between Kosti & Khartoum.
 Off about 5.30 a.m. & went through the bridge at
 Kosti at 7.15. Not much wind & we got along well.
 About 6.30 p.m. we were stopped by an S.A. & E. P.'s
 steamer which was taken by a Belgian count, &
 asked to transfer our skinner. He at first refused to go
 but eventually agreed & was transhipped.
 Much warmer today & tonight—Very cold last night
 & early this morning. Passed Khartoum about 8 p.m.

Feb 21st

On muggar-tailed. Khartoum.
Made good progress in the night & took some wood from
a steamer early in the morning. The wind got up
later & made it quite rough & the muggars made very
bad weather of it, however it dropped in the afternoon
& we got to Khartoum at 5.15 p.m.

Feb 22nd

Grand Hotel. Khartoum.
Went to see Hall about 8.30 a.m. & also Butler about
our heads. Packed up & got to the Grand Hotel about
midday. Not many people here apparently & what there
are, nearly all Germans. Butler inspected our heads.

Feb 23rd

Grand Hotel. Khartoum.
Went to see Butler & gave him our shooting returns &
had a very interesting talk with him about the distribution
of game in the Sudan, etc, etc. Also saw his hawks —
about which he is very keen & photographed them in
various attitudes. Went to see Hall — who was out — & had
the usual stroll after sunset. Made the acquaintance of
John & Mrs Fair-Morris after dinner & talked shooting.
We dined in the open tonight — under trees very
pretty light up with electric light. A big crowd of
foreigners arrived in a steamer this morning from
Soudan.

Feb 24th

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

dined with Mrs Hall & then rode donkeys to the race course—awfully hot—to the station & on out to the desert beyond. Fields small & racing unexciting but myself was introduced to several people there—Meyers, Morgan, etc.—rather enjoyed it though Mrs Hall's horse was only 3rd in the big race. Found Jimmy Morrison & his new wife at the hotel when we got back. I dined at the hotel & up till very late though I did not take the floor—was chiefly occupied in drinking & talking.

Feb 25th

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

Went by the light railway at 10.30 a.m. to the ferry & across by steam boat to Ondurman & then on donkeys to the Khalifa's "palace"—a rabbit-warren of a very low type—in his tomb, which was shelled to pieces.

Walked back through the markets to the boat & got back to the hotel about 2. A very interesting place to see. At 4 p.m. went to Butler's & after tea walked—with Major Bethell—about three miles into the desert & had several flights with his hawks after tagged pigeons, which flew very well. The first beat the hawks completely & the second was a touch but not killed—the other pigeons flew badly. Stopped at Morgan's on our way back & had several drinks—I have very rarely been so thirsty as I was today—Ondurman is an awfully hot place.

Feb 26th

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

Went with the Harrisons & Lady Brockhurst to the Palace - a very fine garden but not much else to see except the place where Gordon was killed. Too hot to move in the middle of the day - J. & M. from the S. D. & I. f. l. lunched with us & afterwards I went to the so-called Zoo. Slater Pasha came in at his time to see the Harrisons & we had a talk to him - he is a short - rather stout man & very cheery & full of fun. Received a very big bill from the S. D. & I. f. l. for £900 !!! - £140. for taking the Harrisons' lift.

Feb 27th

Grand Hotel.

Khartoum.

Busy all the morning settling up with the Sudan f. l. & with the Bank - as I paid the S. D. & I. f. l. with a cheque as my bank at home, I find I am a considerable loser as the bank here charge 1% to transfer my money back to London. It has been a most expensive trip altogether, but the taking added £140. to our acc^t. No doubt it could have been done very much cheaper but that would have meant a lot more trouble & a good deal more discomfort. Dined with Morgan - Butler there. Temp = 105.8 in the shade.

Feb 28th

In train.

Left Khartoum at 11 a.m. & went through the flat - bushy country to Abura where we branched off to the W. Goutto, Gardai & Mrs Patton - Gettens on the train.

March 1st.

S.S. "U. Kahira".

Red Sea.

A rain storm had made the time dangerous in the night—so we were two hours late at Port Sudan—after daylight we passed through low rocky hills—where there are ibex— & thinly bushed country! Port Sudan has a fine harbour & warehouses but is a wretched looking place otherwise it is built on a sandy plain. The boat started at 2 p.m. & as soon as we got outside, there was quite a cool breeze from the N— sky is small & below very stuffy & hot & rather too full up. & not too clean.

March 2nd.

S.S. "U. Kahira".

Red Sea.

A strong N. wind got up early & made quite a big swell & the boat pitched very much all day & there were not many people at meals. It was very cold too & one had to put on a great coat to sit on deck & there was unpleasantly chilly. Ports ~~closed~~ closed all day & horribly stuffy & smelly below.

March 3rd.

S.S. "U. Kahira".

Gulf of Suez.

The wind dropped in the night & it was much smoother in the morning but quite chilly on deck. Got into the Gulf of Suez about 2 p.m. Captain Garber was a prisoner at Pretoria & was in the plot to escape which Winston Churchill took advantage of— it was intended that all should escape together.

March 4th

Savoy Hotel

Fairo

landed at day at 6, 30 a.m. — very cold — & after passing the customs, started in the train at 7, 30. Passed through desert & along the canal to Sennar, then turned w. past cultivated land to Fairo, which we reached at 1, 15. Went to the Savoy Hotel, which was very full & with difficulty we got a room each. Went to post office after lunch to get our P. & O. tickets & sent a cable home saying I should arrive on the 12th. A dance at the hotel — our luck is very bad that way wherever we go — & a lot of people here — amongst them Mills.

March 5th

Savoy Hotel

Fairo

Up late & took a taxi to the Mena House Hotel, where we lunched & afterwards went to the Zoo, where Mills met us. A beautifully arranged place — very pretty flowers — & a very good collection of animals. It was an old palace & an enormous amount must have been spent upon the artificial rockery & the paths which are made of stones inlaid like mosaic — the whole effect very pretty. Quite a big collection of animals from all parts of the world. Thought no "Mrs Gray" & white faced dog & they nearly all look very fit & well. Motored back to the Khaymah Palace Hotel & then on to the Savoy, which was very quiet tonight. Had to move from my yesterday's room to the first floor as the hotel — the only one so in Fairo — is very full. The German from Prine arrives tomorrow.

March 6th P. & O. "Arabia".

Mediterranean.

Left Jaffa at 11 a.m. & got to the docks at Port Said at 2.30. Went on a tug to the "Arabia", which is not very full. & started at 6.15. As soon as we got outside, it began to blow & she pitched a good deal - it looks like a nasty passage. Have got a very bad collar - I paid for one to myself too - an inside one & so dark that one has to always have the electric light going all day. Ship not very full - nobody on board I know.

March 7th S. S. "Arabia".

Mediterranean.

The boat pitched a lot in the night & early in the morning but the sea moderated during the day. Very cold.

March 8th S. S. "Arabia".

Mediterranean.

Run = 388.

Sea almost quite smooth but a very cold wind though a bright sun.

March 9th S. S. "Arabia".

Mediterranean

Passed the Straits of Messina about midday - snow on hills. Smooth very a following wind but cloudy though not so cold as yesterday.

March 10th

S. S. "Arakia"

Mediterranean.

Passed through the straits between Corsica & Sardinia about 1.30 p.m. — quite warm before that but afterwards it turned very chilly. Sea smooth.

March 11th

on train.

Got into Marseilles harbour about 9.30 a.m. dined at the hotel d'ouvre & then went back to the P. & O. office which started at 6 p.m. close to the boat. & I had a sleeping car to ourselves. Dined on the train.

March 12th

Berkeley Hotel.

London.

Went round Paris & passed beyond about 8 a.m. Got to Palais at 1 & had a smooth passage in the Pas de Palais to dock. Got to Piering Press at 6 p.m. Very cold. J. Timmis dined with me.

March 13th

Harmston

Busy shopping most of the morning. Left town at 4 & got to Harmston at 6.50 — it was snowing when I arrived & very cold.





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